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Judiciary Committee members face lengthy calendars as the legislative session enters late February activity. Subcommittees have announced a schedule to hear open records bills on February 26th, sex offender bills on March 12th, gun bills on March 19th and DUI bills on March 26th.



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The Agriculture Committee met Tuesday to consider five bills and to hear a presentation.

The following bills were referred to Calendar and Rules:

HB 2912 (Maggart) requires non-livestock animals to be held three business days before euthanasia except for emergency situations and any such non-livestock animal be tranquilized if method of euthanasia is intracardial injection by hypodermic needle. It also requires the provisions of the Non-Livestock Animal Humane Death Act to apply to any licensed veterinarian, Tennessee veterinarian medical technician, employee, volunteer, whether compensated or otherwise, or any other person acting as an agent on behalf of a public or private agency, animal shelter or other facility operated for the collection, care and/or euthanasia of stray, neglected, abandoned or unwanted non-livestock animals.

**HB 4119** (Borchert) authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture, in consultation with the State Forester and the county mayors of impacted counties, to issue burning bans prohibiting all open-air fires in any area of the state when extreme fire hazard conditions exist.

The following bill was referred to Finance, Ways and Means:

HB 3349 (Fraley) sets at one cent per ton the inspection fee for distillers' wet grains and distillers' by-products containing more than 75 percent moisture distributed without further processing to final purchaser's livestock, instead of applying 10 cent per ton fee that presently applies to commercial feed.

The following bills were rolled:

HB 2808 (Sontany) was deferred two weeks.

HB 2343 (Moore) was deferred one week.

The committee also heard a presentation by Dr. Joseph A. Dipietro, Vice President for Institute of Agriculture at the University of Tennessee.

## children & family affairs

Amelia Mitchell

The **Children & Family Affairs Committee** met on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> to hear from various speakers.



Chairman DeBerry

First was Lowell Perry, CEO of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee and statewide Administer of AMACHI, a mentoring program for children of incarcerated parents.

In addition, a few women spoke to the committee to share their experiences with the family court system in Tennessee.

### Domestic Relations Subcommittee

The **Domestic Relations Subcommittee** met on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, to consider its calendar and rolled the following bills one week:

HB 399 by Rep. S. Jones

HB 1307 by Rep. West

HB 2622 by Rep. S. Jones

HB 2720 by Rep. Fincher

HB 2961 by Rep. Hardaway

HB 2962 by Rep. Hardaway

HB 2970 by Rep. Hardaway

#### **Family Justice Subcommittee**

The **Family Justice Subcommittee** met on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, to consider its calendar and the following bills were deferred one week:

HB 2540 by Rep. Fincher HB 2719 by Rep. Fincher

In addition, the following bills were rolled two weeks

HB 3284 by Rep. Maddox

HB 3070 by Rep. McCord

HB 2969 by Rep. Hardaway

HB 1262 by Rep. Lynn was taken off notice.

Staff

**Commerce** passed four bills out on Tuesday during its full committee meeting.

HB 3658 (Borchert) exempts Mennonite schools in Henry County from building regulations enforced by the State Fire Marshall's office. These schools are private, and have no state funding. The bill was sent to Calendar and Rules.



Rep. Mumpower

HJR 0070 (Mumpower)

confirms the
Senate Speaker's
appointment of Tre
Hargett to the
Tennessee
Regulatory
Authority. The
resolution calls for
Hargett

to serve the balance of the term (until June 30<sup>th</sup>) of former director Pat Miller, who resigned from the authority, and then to serve a full six-year term from

July 1<sup>st</sup>of this year to June 30, 2014. *This bill was* sent to Calendar and Rules.

HB 3272 (Cobb, C.) requires those who carry out blasting operations within 100 feet of any pipeline distributing liquid petroleum to notify the utility company which has control of the pipeline at least three working days prior to blasting. This places liquid petroleum under the same guidelines as manufactured, mixed or natural gas. An amendment on the bill corrects a word omission. *The bill, as amended, was sent to Calendar and Rules*.

Under **HB 3108** (**Curtiss**), the Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education is directed to create grants and set up programs whereby volunteer firefighters can attend the fire academy free of tuition. The cost of such programs will come out of the fire prevention fund, which,

according to the fiscal summary, has returned in excess of 4.6 million dollars to the general fund over the last three years. However, under this bill, the fire prevention fund will no longer revert funds to the general fund, but carry those funds forward into the subsequent fiscal year. *The bill was sent to Finance, Ways and Means*.

#### **Utilities and Banking Subcommittee**

February 19, 2008

The Utilities and Banking Subcommittee had eight bills on calendar this past Tuesday.

**HB 4180** and **HB 3626** generated a good amount of discussion and testimony.

HB 4180 (Mumpower) makes changes to the law as it relates to TRA regulation of incumbent local exchange telecommunications companies. The bill eliminates aspects of TRA regulation over products and services of such companies under certain market conditions. Supporters say the bill calls for regulatory parity, and helps incumbent carriers compete in local markets with relief from regulation. Some members asked for time to look at the bill further, and to bring additional questions at a later meeting.

The bill was rolled for two weeks.

#### HB 3626 (Tindell) creates licensure

requirements for public automobile auctioneers and calls for public automobile auctions to be regulated by the Tennessee Auctioneer Commission. Three amendments were adopted which deal with verification of the vehicle's title. clarification as to the auctioneer's physical possession of the title and at what point in the chain of title does



Rep. Tindell

the auctioneer actually sign the title, and additional clarification as to the Auctioneer's Commission's authority over license and regulation. The subcommittee allowed both sides of the issue to speak, including a long-time automobile auction business owner and several spokespersons for both the auto dealer and auto auction industries. *The bill was approved, as amended, and moved to full committee*.

Two other bills went to full committee:

HB 0122 (DeBerry, L.), known as the "Restroom Access Act," allows those persons with certain medical conditions to use restrooms in retail establishments with no public facilities. Conditions stipulate that the establishment must have three or more employees working at the time of the request, and that the facility's location must pose no safety or security risk. The legislation provides immunity from civil damages to the establishment and does not require the establishment to make physical changes to its restroom.

HR 0227 (Shaw) is a statement of intent to inform Tennesseans of the changeover from analog to digital television broadcasts scheduled for February 17, 2009. A representative from the Tennessee Association of Broadcasters spoke to the resolution.

The following bills were rolled:

HB 3258 (Shaw) prohibits a financial institution from recovering funds paid to a customer who cashed a fraudulent check. Rep. Shaw rolled the bill to the subcommittee's last calendar, emphasizing he basically wanted to place further attention on the problem of identity theft. HB 3102 (Curtiss) changes certain provisions regarding notice and issuance of mechanics' and materialmen's liens under specified circumstances. HB 3959 (Curtiss) enacts the "Competitive Cable and Video Services Act." HB 2624 (Hardaway) makes trustees of cemetery concerns liable when perpetual care trust funds are not maintained and fail to fund such care. The bill specifies that the purchaser of a burial plot has the right to be informed of his right to record ownership of a burial plot with the register of deeds.

NOTE: Utilities and Banking will meet immediately following the full committee's meeting next Tuesday morning (Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>). This is in addition to its regular meeting

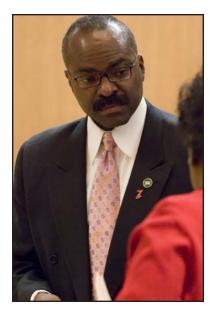
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#### Industrial Impact Subcommittee

February 20, 2008

Industrial Impact met Wednesday morning with seven bills on calendar.

HB 3347 (Moore) gives the Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education the ability to certify persons who are not



Rep. Hardaway

currently firefighters but who complete an approved recruit training program. *The bill went to full committee.* 

**HB 2528 (Turner)** calls for statutorily mandated smoke detectors installed after January 1<sup>st</sup> of next year to be photo-electric (includes nursing homes, assisted-care living facilities, homes for the aged,

foster care dwellings, onefamily or two-family rental units and residential buildings). The committee discussed a verbal amendment on the bill which would call for photoelectric technology for all new construction, as well as for upgrades, allowing a combination technology of ionized and photo-electric devices for kitchen areas. The final drafted amendment will be taken up at the next meeting. Rolled one week.



s/c Chairman. Shepard

HB 2753 (Pruitt) requires hearing screenings for newborns prior to being discharged, with insurance coverage of those tests unless specified in the legislation. In cases where an infant is delivered outside of a hospital setting, the child is to be referred to the Department of Health for a hearing screening. Provisions also call for intervention if early hearing problems are detected. A representative from the Tennessee Disability Coalition testified in support of

the bill, and an official from the Health Department was there to offer additional data on screening information forwarded to the department. An amendment on the bill is being prepared to clarify a number of questions and concerns. The committee will hold the bill to allow testimony from hospital and insurance spokespersons. *Rolled two weeks*.

HB 3743 (McCormick) provides for limited licensure, under certain circumstances, of non-resident contractors that live in states that do not practice reciprocity with licensees of the Tennessee Board for Licensing Contractors. These contractors would be allowed to apply for a license; however, they would have to provide an affidavit stating that they are not currently performing any construction work and have not offered to engage in any construction work in this state where the amount of the applicant's contract exceeds \$2,500 (for a limited license electrician: \$25,000). According to committee members, the bill



Rep. McCormick

deals with reciprocity agreements with Georgia contractors. Rolled one week.

HB 2340 (Shaw) requires appraisers that conduct appraisals for condemnation to be licensed and qualified according to law, and to have education and experience as set forth by the Real Estate Appraiser Commission.

Rolled two weeks.

**HB 3105 (Curtiss)** changes current law regarding retained amounts for contracts. *Rolled one week.* 

HB 2633 (Todd) is the "Tennessee Athletic Commission Act of 2008," creating a new commission to regulate boxing, kickboxing and mixed martial arts. The bill, along with the new, rewritten amendment, was held and will be considered next week.

Rolled one week.

(Summary By Denise Sims)

## conservation & environment

Jeremy Maxwell

The Conservation and Environment Committee met Wednesday to consider three bills and to hear a presentation.

The following bills were referred to Calendar and Rules:



HJR 815 (Pitts) confirms the appointment of Dorothy N. Mann to the State Forestry Commission.

HB 3131 (Hawk) removes the prohibition on the use of cable snare traps in any county located in the Eastern Grand Division of Tennessee as defined in T.C.A. § 4-1-202 and

Rep. Pitts Dyer County.

The following bill was referred to Finance, Ways and Means:

**HB 2810** (Fraley) authorizes the General Assembly to appropriate up to \$2,000,000 for one pilot project to provide water in rural Tennessee before the year 2010. The local government grant recipient will be required to provide matching funds in an amount of at least 25% of the grant total. Completion within five years will be required for the approved project.

The committee also heard a presentation on the Tennessee Forestry Commission Report by Bill Williams.

#### **Environment Subcommittee**

The Environment Subcommittee met Wednesday to consider one bill.

HJR 781 (DuBois) was deferred two weeks.

#### Parks and Tourism Subcommittee

The Parks and Tourism Subcommittee did not meet this week.

#### **Wildlife Subcommittee**

The Wildlife Subcommittee did not meet this week.

## consumer & employee affairs

Lucy Wilson



Chairman McDonald

The **House** Consumer & **Employee Affairs** Committee had one hill on the calendar. HB 3124 by Montgomery transfers jurisdiction and regulation of amusement ride devices from the Department of Commerce and Insurance to the Department of Labor and Workforce

Development. The Elevator Safety Board would be expanded to include two additional members and renamed the Elevator and Amusement Device Board. The two new members would focus on amusement devices representing the interest of the TN Fair association and the interests of the fixed amusement device business.

Currently county clerks have the authority to charge \$25.00 for an amusement device permit. This bill gives that authority to the Elevator and Amusement Device Board.

The bill passed to Government Operations for review, then to Finance, Ways and Means.

The Employee
Affairs
Subcommittee had
five workers'
compensation bills on
calendar. HB 1073
by Turner M was
taken off notice.
This bill was written



Rep. Turner

to establish a conclusive presumption that a beryllium employee, employee with cancer or silicosis, or other employee covered under the federal Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Act has an occupational disease for the purposes of state workers' compensation claim and is entitled to benefits. It would prohibit employers from raising defenses of notice, causation, or statute of limitations and place certain limits on claims.

Chairman Jim Hackworth rolled the other four workers' compensation bills three weeks to the March 11, 2008 calendar. This allows the Workers' Compensation Advisory Committee time to review the bills and make comments. They are:

**HB 2490 by Fincher** allows for refiling a timely suit of workers' compensation claims.

**HB 2494 by Fincher** authorizes a claim to be filed before a benefit review conference is held with no action to be taken on such claim until a benefit review conference is conducted.

**HB 2571 by Curtiss** defines the AMA guide for impairment ratings as the fifth edition instead of the most recent edition.

**HB 3801 by Curtiss** limits the definition of "injury" when it occurs at an employee's residence to certain circumstances.

The Consumer Affairs Subcommittee passed HB 3107 by Curtiss to the full committee. HB 3107 would prohibit the sale of a novelty cigarette lighter in TN unless it is equipped with a safety device that prevents accidental operation of the lighter. The prohibition would not apply to lighters made before 1980 or any that are considered collectable items.

**HB 3834 by Johnson P** which prohibits misrepresentation of the geographic location in a telephone directory database and increases the penalty to \$5,000 to \$25,000 was rolled two weeks by the sponsor.

Pam Masor

The House Education Committee met on Wednesday to consider its calendar and hear a report. Calendar action follows.

Referred to Calendar & Rules:

**HB 3317** – (**Brown**) for those dependent children who are eligible for a tuition waiver at a public college or university due to a parent being a prisoner of war, MIA, or killed during an armed conflict, the age limit is changed from 21 to 23.

Referred to Finance, Ways & Means, if amended: **HB 2858** – (**Winningham**) authorizes random drug testing for students who are in extracurricular activities. As amended, the state board of education is to complete a study in three years as to the effectiveness of this act.

Following consideration of the calendar, the committee heard a report on Charter Schools. Public Chapter 414 of 2005 required the Office of Education Accountability to complete two charter school studies. The first report was presented in 2006 and the final report has been finished. Dr. Phillip Doss introduced Erin Do, Office of Education Accountability, and Steven Ross, Center for Research in Education Policy, to present the report. Anyone interested in reviewing this study can find the report on the Comptroller's web site.



#### **Higher Ed Subcommittee**

The Higher Ed Subcommittee met on Wednesday and took the following actions on its calendar.

Referred to Full Committee:

HB 3483 – (Yokley) at state institutions of higher education gives a 25 percent tuition discount to children of retired public school teachers with at least 25 years of creditable service. The child must be under the age of 24.

**HB 2898** – (Winningham) children of full-time employees of human resource agencies would be eligible for same tuition reduction as children of full-time state employees.

HB 3614 – (Maddox) agency that is authorized to conduct criminal history record check on students entering the teaching profession is changed from "Tennessee licensed private investigation companies" to the "TBI."

**HB** 4083 – (Maddox) at state institutions of higher education gives a 25 percent tuition discount to spouses of full-time state employees.

**HB 4086** – (**Maddox**) provides out-of-state tuition waivers to out-of-state students who are children or grandchildren of retired public higher education employees with five of more years of service.

**HB 2939** – (Windle) creates rural poverty center at Tennessee Technological University.

**HB 4084** – (**Maddox**) requires public and private institutions of higher education to establish a policy on credit card marketing.

**HB 3911** – (**Maddox**) the administrative attachment is removed between the Tennessee Foreign Language Institute and the board of regents.

Referred to Full Committee, if amended:

HB 3301 – (Vaughn) enacts the "Tennessee Advanced Placement Program Act of 2008." As amended, the "International Baccalaureate Diploma Incentive" language is removed from the bill.

Deferred 1 week:

**HB 3915 – (Rinks)** 

Deferred 3 weeks:

**HB 3964 – (Curtiss)** 

Taken Off Notice:

HB 3393 - (DeBerry, L.)

#### **K-12 Subcommittee**

The K-12 Subcommittee met on Wednesday to consider its calendar. Action follows.

Referred to Full Committee:

**HB 3251** – (**Coley**) creates the "Archival Protection Act of 2008" to require LEAs, upon closing of a



Rep. Coley

public school, to employ a professional archivist to review property of said school building.

HB 2974 –
(Winningham)
requires CEO of
the Tennessee
Education Lottery
Corporation to
report quarterly to
the commissioner
of finance and
administration
unclaimed prize

money deposited to the After-School Programs Special Account.



Rep. Kelsey

HB 3511 – (Jones, U.) creates a committee to study the responsibilities affecting time management of Tennessee teachers.

HB 3454 – (McCormick) requires the department of education to

disseminate information on effective practices in civics education.

HB 2440 – (Kelsey) creates a pilot program to reward students monetarily for academic achievement. Program is to be funded through specific appropriation and monies from the community enhancement grants.

Referred to Full Committee, if amended:

HB 2975 – (Winningham) creates the Lottery for Education After-School Programs Grant Fund (LEAP) for eligible after-school enhancement programs. Grants are to be for a three year period. Amendment corrects an error in a code site in the legislation.

**HB 2775** – (**Brooks, H.**) as amended, encourages LEAs to place automated external defibrillator devices in schools.

Deferred 1 week:

**HB 2919 – (West)** 

**HB 3615 – (Maddox)** 

**HB 3073 – (McCord)** 

HB 3640 - (Johnson, P.)

Deferred 2 weeks:

HB 3418 - (Hawk)

**HB 3210 – (Gilmore)** 

HB 3125 – (Montgomery)

**HB 2790 – (Cooper)** 

**HB 2779 - (Cooper)** 

**HB 3123 – (Cooper)** 

**HB 3982 – (Matheny)** 

Deferred 3 weeks:

**HB 3826 - (McCord)** 

Deferred 4 weeks:

HB 3739 – (Winningham)

Referred to Department of Education for study:

HB 2775 - (Campfield)

Taken Off Notice:

HB 208 - (Hawk)

HB 2897 – (Winningham)

HB 3177 – (Hackworth)

**HB 3418 - (Shaw)** 

HB 3467 - (Cobb)

**HB 2516 - (Moore)** 

HB 2685 - (Hawk)\*

HB 2686 - (Hawk)\*

#### **HB 3253 – (Coley)\***

\*These three bills all address driver education in secondary public schools. Chairman Winningham stated that he would appoint a committee to study this topic.

#### **Special Initiatives Subcommittee**

The Special Initiatives Subcommittee held its first meeting of the year to consider its calendar. Action follows.

Referred to Full Committee:

**HB 2642** – (**Hardaway**) requires teachers and principals to report violent offenses that take place on school property.

**HB 3321** – (**Brown**) LEAs are required to file a justification report within 15 days of suspending, expelling, or referring a student to juvenile court. The report is to be filed with the department of education.

**HB 3487** – (**Winningham**) LEAs are required to offer an optional long-term insurance plan that provides the same coverage offered to state

employees.



Chairman Winningham

HJR 811 – (Winningham) directs the office of education accountability to conduct a study of employment benefits for prekindergarten teachers.

HB 2973 – (Winningham) LEAs are required to pay 50 percent of health insurance premiums for all eligible employees.

**HB 2971** – (**Winningham**) teachers or other education employees are prohibited from receiving sick bank benefits if false medical information is submitted.

**HB 2897** – (Winningham) the department of education, within the limit of appropriation for such

purpose, is authorized to establish grants to LEAs for developing differentiated pay plans. This funding would be available in the same percentage as BEP funding.

Deferred 1 week:

**HB** 2777 - (Baird)

HB 2894 – (Winningham)

Deferred 2 weeks:

**HB 3418 - (Shaw)** 

# finance, ways & means

Julie Travis & Patrick Boggs

This week, the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee continued its program of budget hearings on the departments that constitute state government. Tuesday, the committee heard from the Department



Chairman Fitzhugh

of Tourist Development and the Department of Agriculture. Wednesday, the budget hearings continued, with the committee hearing from the Board of Probation and Parole, TRICOR, and the Department of Correction. The budget hearings will continue today with presentations by the Department of Commerce & Insurance, the

Tennessee Regulatory Authority, and the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

#### Bills Referred to Calendar & Rules:

HB 2535 (Pitts) – This bill names a bridge on S.R. 374 (101st Airborne Division Pkwy.) at the intersection of U.S. 79 (Wilma Rudolph Blvd.) as the Gander Memorial Bridge. Since the bridge was named after a contingent of 248 soldiers from Ft. Campbell who died in an airplane crash in the line of duty in 1985, the bill will be funded in accordance with TCA §54-1-133.

HB 2901 (Odom) – This bill removes a one year minimum on temporary driver licenses issued to persons who will be in the country for less than a year. Such licenses would only be valid for the period of time that the person will legally be in the country, and have to be surrendered when leaving the country or for five years, whichever comes first.

**HB 3724 (Fitzhugh)** – This bill simply cleans up language and corrects typographical errors in last year's bond bill.

#### **Budget Subcommittee**

The Budget Subcommittee met on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, and considered twenty-seven bills. The results of those actions are as follows:

#### Bills Referred to the Full Committee:

**HB 3443** (**Rinks**) – This bill, with an amendment that rewrites it, changes the dates of the upcoming spring sales tax holiday to April 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> so as not to conflict with Easter weekend.



s/c Chairman Tindell, Rep. Rinks

HB 2455 (Pitts) – This legislation corrects an error in last year's legislation that funded disabled homeowner property tax relief but these individuals were left out of the legislation enabling the funding to be distributed to them. A letter from the office of the Comptroller ensures the funding for the bill, as those monies were appropriated last year for the current fiscal year.

**HB 3276** (Maddox) – This bill authorizes the twenty-one counties that fall under the County Financial Management System of 1981 to sell surplus property online via auction.

**HB 2984 (Litz)** – Names an underpass on I-81 in Hamblen County the "John Porter Davis Underpass."

The cost for the signage is to be paid by the county government.

**HB 2837 (Borchert)** – This bill names a segment of S.R. 191 within the Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park as the "Blake Pafford Memorial Road." The costs for such signage must be paid with non-state funds.

#### Bills Rolled One Week:

HB 3792 (Pruitt)

HB 2458 (McDaniel)

HB 348 (Buck)

HJR 807 (K. Brooks)

#### Bills Rolled Two Weeks:

HB 132 (Bell)

HB 3020 (Campfield)

HB 3021 (Campfield)

HB 3023 (Campfield)

#### Bills Rolled Three Weeks:

HB 966 (Overbey)

HB 2670 (McDonald)

#### Bills Rolled Four Weeks:

HB 1283 (Todd)

#### Bills Placed Behind the Budget:

HB 615 (M. Turner)

HB 761 (Matheny)

HB 2445 (Litz) placed on the hwy. sign calendar

HB 3175 (Gilmore)

HB 2990 (Fraley)

HB 2493 (Fincher) placed on the hwy. sign calendar

HB 2722 (Fincher) placed on the hwy. sign calendar

HB 2900 (Dunn) placed on the hwy. sign calendar

HB 4138 (Borchert) as amended by the

subcommittee. It will be grouped with similar sales tax exemption bills dealing with library book sales.

#### Bills Taken Off-Notice:

HB 3744 (McCormick)

HB 3844 (Curtiss)

# government operations

Kristina Ryan



Chairman Kernell, Rep. DeBerry, Rep. Hardaway

#### The House Government Operations

**Committee** met on Wednesday morning to deliberate its calendar. Of the twelve bills considered this week, three were in committee for review and referral for other standing committees and the remaining nine bills were committee bills.

**HB 46** by Representative Mike Turner was taken off notice; **HB 2118** by Representative Tidwell was rolled for one week. **HB 3588** and **HB 3529**, both by Representative Kernell, were taken off notice.

The committee reviewed and referred **HB 2669** by Representative McDonald to the Finance, Ways and Means Committee with a positive recommendation. This legislation had passed the Conservation and Environment Committee and was in the Government Operations Committee for review. This bill enacts the "Drinking Water Access and Resources Planning Act of 2008", which will create a water management planning council in each county in order to identify existing water service areas as well as identifying areas that are not being adequately supplied with water. In addition, this bill would allow counties to form a multi-county water management planning council. The Utility Management Review Board will be authorized to promulgate rules in order to implement the provisions of this legislation.

The following sunset bills passed out of committee and were sent to the Calendar and Rules Committee:

#### HB 2697

(Kernell) – Post-Conviction Defender Commission – reauthorized to June 30, 2010.

#### HB 3227

(Kernell) – Terminates the State Library and Archives Management Board; transfers duties to the Secretary of State.

#### HB 3237

(Kernell) – Removes Home Improvement Commission from sunset cycle.



**HB** 3555 (Kernell) – Drycleaner Environmental Response Board – re-authorized to June 30, 2013.

**HB 3580** (Kernell) – Tennessee Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association – re-authorized to June 30, 2015.

**HB 3590** (Kernell) – Advisory Council on Child Nutrition and Wellness – re-authorized to June 30, 2014.

**HB 2715** (Kernell) – Perinatal Advisory Committee – re-authorized to June 30, 2015.

#### Other Developments -Sunset Hearings

The State and Local Government sub-committee of the joint Government Operations Committee will be holding a sunset hearing on Monday, February 25, 2008 at 1:30PM in LP 12 to hear the following entities:

Tennessee Emergency Management Agency Civil Defense and Disaster Compact Southern Regional Emergency Management Assistance Compact

The members of this sub-committee are as follows:

Senator Jack Johnson–Chair Senator Beverly Marrero Senator Micheal Williams Rep. Randy Rinks–Vice-Chair Rep. Stacey Campfield Rep. G.A. Hardaway

### health & human resources

Judy Narramore

Chairman Armstrong announced that to facilitate the flow of bills through the committee system, full committee meeting time, 10:30-12:00, will also be used for subcommittee meetings, as available and appropriate. Accordingly, Chairman Armstrong announced the Public Health & Family Assistance Subcommittee will meet at the conclusion of the full committee meeting on Tuesday next.

Two bills and two joint resolutions were on the Health & Human Resources Committee calendar Tuesday, February 19, 2008; one bill was referred. HB 3672 (Shepard) that requires members of the Massage Licensure Board to have five years of experience, extends the term a member of the Massage Licensure Board is appointed to five years, and authorizes the Massage Licensure Board to set an application fee for continuing education courses submitted to the Board for approval was referred to Government Operations. Rep. Favors rolled HB 2729 one week. Rep. U. Jones took HJR 0463 and HJR 0464 off notice.

At the conclusion of the calendar, the committee heard a presentation by Eric Harkness, Legislative Research Analyst with the Comptroller's Office. The power point presentation provided an update to the May 2007 Office of Research and Education Accountability (OREA) Report on *Financing Health Care for the Uninsured* that was directed by Public Chapter 807 (2006). Public Chapter 807 asked the Comptroller to determine state and local government



expenditures for indigent care, federal resources for indigent care, and opportunities for additional federal resources. In summary, the Report noted the uninsured population is a problem for Tennessee, quantifying the cost is difficult, Tennessee should continue to explore federal revenue opportunities, and a State Health Plan will lay groundwork for increased efficiency and lower costs. The Report also contains legislative and administrative recommendations; see page 27 – 28. A copy of the OREA Report and hard copy of the power point presentation are available in Chairman Armstrong's Office.

#### **Professional Occupations Subcommittee**

The **Professional Occupations Subcommittee** meeting scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup> was cancelled after the one bill on calendar **(HB 0163)** was rolled one week by the sponsor.

#### **Health Care Facilities Subcommittee**

The Health Care Facilities Subcommittee met Wednesday, February 20, 2008, to consider three bills, referring one. HB 2945 (Lynn) as amended that removes the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations from current law related to licensing of a home medical equipment provider was referred to full committee. The housekeeping amendment changes language references from "HCFA" to "CMS." Rep. M. Turner presented HB 2572 and HB 2677 concerning nursing home inspections, and the subcommittee heard testimony from the Department of Health on both bills. Rep. Turner offered an amendment to HB 2677 (copies were not available to the subcommittee members) that purports to address notice to appropriate legislators at the time of the exit conference or in the event of suspension of admissions by the Commissioner of Health. Subsequent to testimony and discussion, Rep. Turner rolled HB 2677 one week for distribution and review of the proposed amendment. Rep. Turner also rolled HB 2572 one week for further discussion with the Department of Health on compromise amendatory language.

#### Public Health & Family Assistance Subcommittee

The Public Health & Family Assistance **Subcommittee** met February 20<sup>th</sup> with five bills on calendar; one bill was referred. Rep. Favors chaired the meeting in Rep. Pruitt's absence. HB 2934 (McCormick) that decreases existing age restrictions for donating blood from 17 years to 16 years and authorizes persons who are at least 16 years old to donate blood on a voluntary basis with written parental consent was referred to full committee. Rep. Harwell requested that HB 1419 be rolled one week. HB 2564 (Fincher) was rolled one week without objection. Rep. Hardaway appeared before the subcommittee and requested that HB 2964 be rolled two weeks for drafting of amendatory language. HB 3791 was rolled one week at the request of Rep. Pruitt.



The Full Judiciary Committee heard from Mr. Don Paine, Reporter for the Advisory Commission to the Supreme Court on Rules of Practice and Procedure. Mr. Paine provided a summary of the proposed changes to the Tennessee Rules on Civil, Criminal,



Chairman Coleman

and Appellate
Procedure. These
proposed changes
contained in the
house resolutions
listed below were
approved for
passage to the
House Calendar
and Rules
Committee.

The Full
Judiciary
Committee met to
consider ten bills
this week. House
Bill 583 by Rep.
DuBois, as
amended, was

rolled one week to obtain a fiscal note on amendment two, which will expand the offense of communicating a threat to not only school employees, but to all public servants. House Bill 3101 by Rep. Curtiss was rolled two weeks. House Bill 2433 by Rep. McDonald, as amended, will be heard by the Government Operations Committee before heading off to the House Finance Committee. Two amendments were adopted on the bill. The first amendment makes some grammatical corrections and the second amendment deletes the forfeiture provisions out of the original bill. This is a comprehensive bill setting uniform standards in the buying and selling of scrap metal to combat the growing problem of scrap metal theft. It requires scrap metal dealers to register with the Department of Commerce and Insurance. Violations are punished as a Class A misdemeanor.

The following are a list of bills approved for passage to Calendar & Rules:

• **HB 2861 by Rep. Floyd** increases the penalties for members of the Tennessee

National Guard for the commission of certain military type offenses such as absence without leave, missing movement, and insubordination.



Rep. Floyd

- HB 3746 by Rep. Lundberg extends the period to respond to a garnishment from ten days to ten business days.
- HR 231, HR 232, HR 238, HR 239, HR 240 by Rep. Coleman ratifies revisions and amendments to Tennessee rules of civil procedure, criminal procedure,

appellate procedure, evidence and juvenile procedures.

#### Civil Practice & Procedure Subcommittee

The Civil Practice & Procedure Subcommittee met to discuss twenty-two bills this week. Due to the large number of bills dealing with open records, the Civil Practice and Procedure Subcommittee will have a special calendar for those bills to be heard on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008. House Bill 3060 by Rep. Fincher was taken off notice.

The following house bills were approved for passage to the Full Judiciary Committee:

- HB 3204 by Rep. Coleman adds Tenn.
   Code Ann. as an authorized abbreviation for the Tennessee Code Annotated.
- **HB 3198 by Rep. Coleman** requires municipal court judgments earn the same post judgment interest as other court decrees, which is ten percent (10%) annually, except

as may be otherwise provided or permitted by statute.



Rep. Gilmore

HB 2591 by Rep. Gilmore allows a petitioner for an ex parte order of protection to request notification of service of order on the respondent by the clerk of court where the petition is filed. Upon such a request, the clerk is required to provide notification of the service of the ex parte order.

• HB 3135 by

Rep. Fincher, as amended, makes void and against public policy any covenant, promise or agreement in connection with or collateral to a motor carrier transportation contract purporting to indemnify the promisee against liability for damages resulting from the negligence of the promisee. The amendment makes this inapplicable to the Uniform Intermodal Interchange and Facilities Access Agreement or other agreements providing for the interchange, use or possession of intermodal chassis, containers or other intermodal equipment.



Rep. Fincher

• HB 3630 by Rep. Fincher requires the Administrative Offices of the Court ("AOC") to consider the need of each victim offender mediation center when distributing state funds to such centers.

• HB 3408 by Rep. Matlock authorizes Monroe County to increase local litigation tax from ten dollars (\$10.00) to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

The following is a list of bills rolled 1 week:

HB 3748 by Rep. Curtiss

HB 1108 by Rep. Buck

HB 2797 by Rep. Buck

HB 2222 by Rep. Maddox

HB 1359 by Rep. L. Turner

HB 3515 by Rep. U. Jones

HB 2469 by Rep. S. Jones

HB 4189 by Rep. S. Jones

HB 2499 by Rep. Odom

HB 3734 by Rep. Fincher

HB 2456 by Rep. McDaniel

HB 3031 by Rep. Hawk

HB 3062 by Rep. Johnson

Rolled 2 weeks:

HB 3962 by Rep. Curtiss

Rolled 3 weeks:

HB 3761 by Rep. Todd

#### Criminal Practice & Procedure Subcommittee

The Criminal Practice and Procedure Subcommittee met to consider ten bills. The Chair announced that in addition to the special calendars for sex offender bills (March 12<sup>th</sup>) and gun bills (19<sup>th</sup>), the March 26<sup>th</sup> committee meeting will be used to hear all DUI bills.

The following is a list of bills that were approved for passage to the Full Judiciary Committee:

• HB 2420 by Rep. Moore, as amended, makes it a Class B misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) for any person to knowingly sell, give, transfer, use, distribute or possess with the intent to sell, give or distribute software that is designed for the purpose of interfering with the operations of any ticket seller that sells tickets over the internet to a sporting event, theater, musical performance, or place of public entertainment or amusement to gain an advantage in the ticket buying process.



Rep. Bass

- HB 2599 by Rep. Bass expands circumstances in which a court may order consecutive sentences to include an offense committed while a defendant is on community corrections.
- HB 2940 by Rep. Windle adds escape from a penal institution or lawful custody while being held

on a felony to the list of offenses that elevate the punishment for the offense to first degree murder if the killing of another occurs during the perpetration of the offense.

• HB 3212 by Rep. Gilmore adds the offenses of aggravated rape of a child, sexual battery by an authority figure, and statutory rape by an authority figure to the list of offenses a defendant may file a petition requesting the DNA analysis of any evidence that is in the possession or control of the prosecution, law enforcement, laboratory or court.

#### Bills rolled 1 week:

HB 2432 by Rep. Hardaway

HB 3605 by Rep. Todd

HB 3751 by Rep. Todd

HB 4162 by Rep. Fincher

#### Rolled 2 weeks:

HB 3693 by Rep. DuBois (will be heard on the sex offender calendar)

#### Rolled 3 weeks:

HB 3099 by Rep. Curtiss

# state & local government

Lawrence Hall, Jr.

This week the State and Local Government full committee considered 18 bills. Seven bills were passed to Calendar and Rules and five bills moved on to Finance, Ways and Means. All other bills will be heard at a later date.

Calendar and Rules:

HB 3730 by Fitzhugh – This bill changes the date by which each entity of state government that is subject to Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 must submit its annual compliance report and implementation plan update to the department of audit from "by June 30" to "by October 1".

<u>HJR 773 by Curtiss</u> – Names March 2008 as "Certified Government Financial Managers Month."



Rep. Bone

HB 3831 by
Bone – Specifies
the official flag of
the military in
Tennessee.

HB 2565 by
Fincher – This
bill allows
appointments to
the Cookeville
municipal planning
commission to be
made by the city
council instead of
the mayor.

HB 2614 by Fincher – This bill clarifies that

candidates and appointees to local public office are not required to file documents electronically with the ethics commission.

HB 3007 by Swafford – This bill clarifies that the "Little Hatch Act" does not prohibit an employee from displaying bumper stickers or other campaign or political advertising on the employee's personal vehicle while parked on state property.

HB 2782 by Tindell – Authorizes alcoholic beverages to be sold for consumption on the premises of the Fox Cay Restaurant located in Hamilton County.

Finance, Ways, and Means:

**HB 3723 by Fitzhugh** – This bill grants municipalities an additional year to meet the requirement of employing a certified municipal finance officer.

**HB 2915 by Maggart** – Prohibits printing a social security number on voter registration cards.

<u>**HB 3167 by C. Johnson**</u> – This bill removes the statutory limit on the amount a municipality may expend on tourism promotion.

<u>HB 3822 by Pitts</u> – Increases the value of disabled homeowner's residence on which tax relief is available from \$25,000 to \$30,000 on January 1, 2009.

<u>HB 3821 by Pitts</u> – Increases value of elderly residence on which tax relief is available from \$25,000 to \$30,000 on January 1, 2009.

Rolled Bills:

HB 459 by Fitzhugh – 1 Week

HB 3727 by Fitzhugh – 1 Week

 $HB\ 3034\ by\ Watson-1\ Week$ 

HB 1256 by Moore – 1 Week

HB 1305 by West - Off Notice

HB 3155 by McManus – 1 Week

#### **State Government Subcommittee**

State Government Subcommittee convened this week to consider eight bills. The committee only passed two bills to full committee.



Rep. Overbey

Rolled Bills:

HJR 861 by Overbey -Names April 9, 2008 as "TISL

To Full Committee:

Day at the Capitol."

HB 3889 by **Todd** – This bill extends the reporting deadline of the special joint study committee on ethics from March 1, 2008, to May 1, 2008.

HB 3771 by Odom – Off Notice HB 2742 by Hardaway – 2 Weeks HB 2562 by McDaniel - Off Notice HB 3178 by Windle - Off Notice HB 3211 by Gilmore – Corrections Oversight HJR 838 by – 1 Week

#### **Local Government Subcommittee**

This week in Local Government Subcommittee there were twenty bills on the calendar. Nine bills were passed to full committee and the others were deferred to a later date.

HB 3279 by L. Miller – This bill authorizes paid career paramedics in a county in which a fire department operates its own fire training academy to receive paramedic training at such facility upon written interlocal agreement.

HB 2437 by Moore - Sets the maximum amount any utility provider may charge as late fees at 10 percent of the net amount or the amount due and owing if paid on or before a specific due date indicated on the bill sent to the customer by the utility.

HB 2870 by Moore – Exempts Davidson County from present law that requires contested case hearings by civil service boards that affect the employment status of a civil service employee to be in conformity with the UAPA and for judicial review of such decisions.

HB 3981 by Matheny - This bill authorizes alcoholic beverages to be sold for consumption on the premises of WillowBrook Golf Club located in Coffee County.

HB 3121 by Cooper - This bill exempts from ad valorem taxes certain headquarters facilities that agree to make payments to a municipality in lieu of special assessments.

HB 2424 by Hardaway – Permits Shelby County and the municipalities therein to convey property acquired for back taxes to a nonprofit community development corporation for development for affordable housing without requiring the community development corporation to reimburse the taxing jurisdiction for the lost taxes, penalties, or interest.

**HB 3455 by Tindell** – This bill allows certain utility districts to jointly create public building authorities.

**HB 3067 by McCord** – This bill requires the Blount County election commission to place a liquor-by-the drink referendum question for Townsend on the ballot of the November 2008 general election if the municipal governing body calls for such referendum by July 15, 2008.

HB 3809 by Rinks - Removes the requirement in present law that for the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on a paddlewheel steamboat, the vessel must provide overnight accommodations to its passengers.

#### Rolled Bills:

HB 3262 by Moore – 1 Week HB 760 by Matheny – 1 Week HB 2946 by Lynn – 1 Week HB 3958 by Corrections Oversight HB 2913 by Fitzhugh – 1 Week HB 3731 by Fitzhugh – 1 Week HB 3729 by Fitzhugh – 1 Week HB 3728 by Fitzhugh – 1 Week HB 2425 by Hardaway - Off Notice HB 2759 by Bibb – 2 Weeks HB 2760 by Bibb – 2 Weeks

#### **Elections Subcommittee**

The Elections Subcommittee passed two bills to full committee this week, HB 17 by Shepard and HB

1918 by Rinks. All other bills were rolled to later calendars.

#### Full Committee:

<u>**HB 17 by Shepard**</u> – This bill permits any registered Tennessee voter to vote absentee.

<u>HB 1918 by Rinks</u> – Allows county election commissions to establish vote centers that would allow a registered voter in that county to vote at any center regardless of the voter's precinct.

#### Rolled Bills:

HB 3327 by Brown – 1 Week HB 3969 by Brown – 1 Week

HB 3824 by Rinks – 3 Weeks

HB 3869 by Rinks – 3 Weeks

# transportation

Jeremy L. Elrod

The **House Transportation Committee** convened February 19, 2008 to consider twenty-one bills. **HB2836** (Borchert) was deferred for four weeks. **HB2994** (Overbey) and **HB2627** (Overbey) were rolled for two weeks.

The following bills were referred to the **Calendar** and **Rules Committee**:

**HB2684** (Dunn) – Designates all of proposed State Route 475, Knoxville



Parkway, in Knox, Anderson and Loudon counties as a scenic highway.

#### **HB3490**

(Overbey) – Requires the date of birth on driver licenses be red and be the same font size as the driver license number. An amendment was adopted change the effective date to July 1, 2009.

Rep. Dunn

The following bills were referred to the **Finance**, **Ways and Means Committee**:

**HB3450** (Rinks) – "James (Wesley) Franks Memorial Bridge" highway signs on a bridge spanning Indian Creek on U.S. Highway 64 in Hardin County.

**HB3784** (Bone) – "Arlie and Charlie Pass Highway" highway signs on a segment of State Route 266 in Wilson County.

**HB3634** (Overbey) – Revises amount of new specialty license plate revenue that arts commission may award in grants prior to distribution to urban and rural arts organizations from \$393,600 to 50 percent of revenue collected for such plates.

**HB3433** (H. Brooks) – "L.D. Lindsay Bridge" on a bridge spanning Interstate 640 in Knoxville.

**HB2505** (Mumpower) – "Emory 'Cumbo' Sykes Interchange" signs at Exit 66 (State Route 126 / Memorial Boulevard) on Interstate 81 in Sullivan County.

**HB2506** (Mumpower) – "Private First Class Eugene H. Stepp Memorial Bridge" highways signs spanning Hatcher Creek on State Route 44 in Hickory Tree community of Sullivan County.

**HB2977** (Winningham) – "Veterans Memorial Highway" highway signs on U.S. Highway 127 in Pickett County

**HB2735** (Tidwell) – "Johnson E. Doyle Memorial Bridge" highways signs on a bridge spanning Cane Creek on State Route 438 in Perry County.

**HB3169** (Tidwell) – "Esquire Fred Ashley Howell and Tilda Hildren Culp Howell Memorial Bridge" highways signs on a bridge spanning Cedar Creek on State Route 128 in Perry County.

**HB3386** (Lundberg) – As amended, permits a motor vehicle owner who will be out of state during his or her annual registration plate renewal month to apply for and receive early renewal.

HB2665 (West) – As amended, "Bob Sheehan Memorial Bridge" signs for a pedestrian bridge that spans U. S. Highway 70 (Lebanon Pike) and connects to the Stones River Greenway and Kohl's Trailhead in Davidson County.

The following bills were passed by the committee and will be placed in the **Omnibus License Plate Bill**:

HB3290 (Maddox) – Reauthorizes "Gold Star Mothers" memorial license plate as "Gold Star Family" plate. The bill expands eligibility for such plates to persons, instead of mothers, whose spouse, parent, sibling, or child, instead of just child, died in the line of duty in the U.S. armed forces.

**HB3066** (McCord) – Authorizes issuance of Appalachian Bear Rescue new specialty earmarked license plates. The bill allocates 50 percent of funds derived from sale thereof to Appalachian Bear Rescue.



Rep. Cobb

HB3469 (J. Cobb) -Authorizes issuance of new specialty earmarked license plates for Mitochondrial Disorder. The bill allocates proceeds from sale of such license plates to Mitochondrial Disease Association of Tennessee. **HB2758** 

(Tidwell) – Extends time

period for minimum issuance requirements for Trout Unlimited new specialty earmarked license plates until July 1, 2009.

**HB3491** (Overbey) – Revises name of "Women Veterans of America" plates to "Tennessee Woman Veteran" plates. An amendment was adopted to correct a drafting error.

Following the completion of the calendar, the committee was shown a presentation by the Ingram Barge Company on its operations.

#### Public Safety & Rural Roads Subcommittee

The Public Safety & Rural Roads Subcommittee met February 19, 2008 to consider twelve bills. HB2656 (Hackworth) was deferred for two weeks. HB966 (Hardaway), HB398 (S. Jones) and HB2941 (Windle) were rolled for one week. HB2548 (Sargent), HB3114 (DuBois) and HB1379 (S. Jones) were taken off notice. HB3152 (J. Cobb) was considered by the committee but failed.

The following bills were referred to the full **Transportation Committee**:

**HB3983** (Todd) – Deletes specific population brackets relative to the use of blue flashing emergency lights on official motor vehicles so that reserve or auxiliary deputy sheriffs or reserve or auxiliary police officers would, if authorized by the local sheriff or police chief, be authorized to operate an official motor

vehicle that has blue flashing or red flashing emergency lights.

lights.
HB3260
(Gilmore) –
Adds persons operating motorized and nonmotorized wheelchairs to definition of "pedestrian" under rules

of the road.



Rep. Todd

**HB2928** (Kelsey) – Revises qualifications to receive a handicapped parking tag or placard to include persons with "vision of not less than 20/200 with corrective glasses in both functioning eyes" instead of persons with "vision of not more than 20/200 with correcting glasses".

**HB3833** (P. Johnson) – Requires persons under 18 at the time of a motor vehicle crash or traffic violation to show proof of financial responsibility before such person's driver license is reinstated.

#### <u>Public Transportation & Highways</u> <u>Subcommittee</u>

The Public Transportation & Highways
Subcommittee met on February 19, 2008 to consider twenty-three bills. HB2794 (Harwell) was inadvertently placed on this week's calendar and was rolled one week. HB2687 (Hensley), HB2889 (Hensley), HB2890 (Hensley), HB2798 (Buck) and HB2800 (Buck) were deferred for three weeks. HB3476 (Matlock) and HB1039 (C. Cobb) were rolled for two weeks. HB3701 (Shaw), HB3975 (Armstrong), HB3659 (Williams), HB3720 (Bell), HB3106 (Curtiss) and HB2768 (Hardaway) were rolled for one week. HB3928 (H. Brooks) and HB3385 (Maggart) were taken off notice.

The following bills were passed to the full **Transportation Committee**:

**HB4137** (Borchert) – Provides for signs for Tennessee River and Kentucky Lake on Interstate 40 in Benton and Humphreys counties

**HB3673** (Bass) – "Jarret C. Gray Memorial Bridge" highway signs on U.S. Highway 31 in Giles County.

**HB3674** (Bass) – "Deanna Glossup Memorial Bridge" highway signs on U.S. Highway 64 Bypass in Giles County.

**HB3675** (Bass) – "Bobby Claud 'BJ' Englett, Jr. Memorial Bridge" highway signs on U.S. Highway 64 in Giles County.

**HB3065** (P. Johnson) – Extends initial issuance period for 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) new specialty earmarked license plates until July 1, 2009.

**HB3832** (P. Johnson) – "Lance Corporal Richard A. Buerstetta Memorial Bridge" highway signs on SR 100 in Williamson County.

**HB3448** (Rinks) – Authorizes the department of transportation to reimburse a municipal utility for relocation costs of certain projects.

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